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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6838

BILL NUMBER: SB 304

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 23, 2004

BILL AMENDED: Jan 22, 2004

SUBJECT: State Flags for State Senators

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Meeks R

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that each member of the Senate is entitled to receive six state flags provided by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration and six flags that are paid for out of the Senate's operating budget.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under current law, members of the General Assembly are each entitled to two flags flown atop the Statehouse during each 300 day period. In addition to these two flags, this bill also provides that each Senator is entitled to receive by ten additional flags each year.

The cost of four of the flags would be paid from the budget of Department of Administration (DOA), and the cost of six of the flags would be paid from Senate appropriations. The DOA reports that state flags cost approximately \$15 each. If all 50 Senators requested the additional ten flags each year, state expenditures could increase by approximately \$7,500. Of this amount, \$4,500 would be paid from the DOA's budget, while \$3,000 would be paid from the Senate appropriations.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Administration; State Senate.

Local Agencies Affected:

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